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### **Advanced Nonflammable Battery**

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**Company Overview** 

- Cell Design
- **Cell Performance**
- Applications

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CRG

- Aerospace & Defense Company
- Founded in 1997 in Dayton, Ohio
- Partnered with Most DOD Prime Contractors
- Substantial Technology Portfolio Ready for Commercialization
- Successfully Launched Multiple Subsidiaries



### Battery & Cell Development Labs

#### Facility

- 174,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (total)
- >5400 ft<sup>2</sup> for cell and battery development, assembly, and test

#### **Battery Cell Manufacturing**

- 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> Dry Room
- Li-ion & Li-metal capable (dew point < -40°C)</li>
- Semi-Automated Pilot Line
  - Pouch Cells (approximately 30 x 40 mm to 100 x 100 mm)
  - Li-metal compatible



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### Battery Cell Assembly Pilot Line

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Cell Design

**Cell Performance** 

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#### Electrolyte

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CRG developed a nonflammable low-temperature electrolyte with exceptional performance

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### Coating Performance

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Cathode coating has several beneficial electrochemical characteristics

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#### Non-Flammable Cell

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Specifications			
Size	70 x 45 x 6.7 mm		
Weight	36.1 g		
Cell Type/Packaging	Pouch		
Capacity	2.3 Ah		
Voltage Range	2.7 - 4.2 V		
Nominal Voltage	3.65 V		
Nominal Sp. Energy at C/20	236 Wh/kg		
Nominal Sp. Energy at 1 C	196 Wh/kg, (83%)		
Cycle Life	>1000 cycles (est.)		
Operating Temperature	-40 to 60 °C		
Max Continuous Discharge	2 C		
Max Pulsed Discharge (30 sec)	10 C		
Max Charging Current	C/2		
Safety Risk	Low (SAE J2464 < 4)		







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### Future Cell (Estimated Specs.)

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Specifications			
Size	100 x 97 x 7.2 mm		
Weight	155.5 g		
Cell Type/Packaging	Pouch		
Capacity	10.6 Ah		
Voltage Range	2.7-4.2 V		
Nominal Voltage	3.65 V		
Nominal Sp. Energy at C/20	251 Wh/kg		
Nominal Sp. Energy at 1 C	210 Wh/kg, (83%)		
Cycle Life	>1000 cycles		
Operating Temperature	-40 to 60 °C		
Max Continuous Discharge	2 C		
Max Pulsed Discharge (30 sec)	10 C		
Max Charging Current	C/2		
Safety Risk	Low (SAE J2464 < 4)		



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### Rate and Cycle Life Performance

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### Low Temperature Performance

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Nonflammable cells demonstrate excellent temperature stability, even at extremely low temperatures

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### **Nail Penetration**

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#### **External Short**

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#### Hard-Short (<100 m $\Omega$ )

- Nickle tab melted almost instantaneously (< 1 sec)
  - Acted similar to a fuse
- Limited to no rise in temperature
- $HSA \leq 2$  (damage, no hazard)







#### Soft-Short (~1 $\Omega$ )

- Estimated at ~30 Amps
- Nickle tab gets red hot, but does not melt
- Cell temperature increases to ~70 °C, well within safe range
- HSA = 0 (no effect or function)



Estimated at ~30 Amps



#### The nonflammable cell remained safe throughout external short abuse testing



#### **Crush Test**

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- Max pressure ~1100 lbs
- 3/8" diameter rod

- No internal short (voltage steady)
- No temperature rise

Cells showed ~10% deformation from crush but it had no effect on cell performance

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#### **Ballistic Penetration**

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#### Rifle round (7.62 mm)





Conventional Electrolyte



Nonflammable Electrolyte

#### Incendiary Tipped Round (7.62 mm)





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Nonflammable cells demonstrate no smoke/flames during ballistic penetration, even with incendiary rounds

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### Arc Testing (Thermal Runaway)



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### Vehicle Battery (6T)

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6T P		
Config	7x16	(S x P)
Total Cells	112	Cells
Voltage	25.9	V
Total Cell Fill	58.0%	%
Mass	25	kg
Capacity	169	Ah
Specific Energy	175.6	Wh/kg

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- Hybrid/electric ground vehicle
  - Fault tolerant high energy batteries
  - 6T or custom format packs
- Ballistic Conformal Battery
  - 150 Wh w/armor protection
  - Ballistic survivable power source
- Unmanned Air Systems
- Man portable radio/comms battery
- Maritime propulsion

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